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**SECRET**MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MCGREGOR BUDWY  
THE WHITE HOUSE

Subject: Further Action Under ESAM 192

The Secretary has approved, with the concurrence of the Secretary of Defense, the Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency, and the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, a suspension for the present of further approaches to the Soviets for an agreement banning weapons in space, and decision not to raise such a separate arms control ban in Geneva or New York. This is chiefly a question of negotiatory tactics. He is considering, again with the concurrence of the other Principals, a public statement reiterating the intention of the United States not to be the first to place weapons of mass destruction in orbit, and calling upon the Soviet Government to take a similar position. He wishes, however, to consider further the most appropriate timing for such a public statement.

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cc: Secretary of Defense  
Director, CIA  
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